

Art Unit: 2882

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In Claim 23, at Line ⁵~~4~~, change "width of Multi-Prism Lens" to --width of the Multi-
Prism Lens--.

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In Claim 25, at Line ⁴~~3~~, change "the incident ray" to --an incident ray--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 and 20-29 are allowed.

With respect to Claim 1, the prior art of record teaches most of the elements of the claimed invention, including a refractive element suitable for refracting x-rays, comprising: a body of low-z material having a first end adapted to receive rays emitted from a ray source and a second end from which the rays received at the first end emerge; said refractive element comprising: a first row of substantially identical prisms disposed between said first end and said second end along a first direction; a second row of substantially identical prisms disposed between said first end and said second end along the first direction; each of said prisms of said first row and of said second row being of a substantially triangular shape having two side portions and one base portion; said first row of substantially identical prisms being arranged on top of said second row of substantially identical prisms in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction.

However, prior art does not teach that said first and second rows are further arranged so that a base portion of a given prism in said first row faces an intersection